Reviving Non-Aligned Movement

547. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Goverriment propose to take any steps to revive non-aligned movement in some other form to safegaurd the interest of small countries and save them from arm twisting by super powers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Government is of the view that the Non-aligned Movement continues to remain valid despite the changed international context. India has been playing an active role in strengthening the Movement to safegaurd the independence of action and freedom of judgement of its members.

Joint Indo-U.S. Naval Exercises

548. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA:

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Government still continues to be against big power presence in the Indian Ocean and did, therefore, have no joint naval exercise with the Soviet Union in spite of the very close relation with that State ; and

(b) whether in such circumstances the proposed joint exercise with the U.S. Navy in Indian Ocean along the Indian shorelines would be abandoned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) India stands committed to the UN declaration of 1971 which called for the elimination of foreign military presence in the Indian Ocean conceived in the context of great power rivalry. Indo-US naval exercises are part of cooperation witho any hostile intentions.

Filing of case by Bangladesh Against Ind

549. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware th Bangladesh is going to file a case again India in the International Court of Justice regarding the Farakka river issue; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof'.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIF (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) at (b) Government have seen press repor stating that Bangladesh was likely to refi the case of sharing of river wate: between India and Bangladesh to tl United Nations. Government have, hov ever, also noted that at a press conferene on 23rd March, 1992 in Dhaka, the Bangl; desh Prime Minister in response to a que tion whether she had talks with the Ul Secretary General on the water issue wit India, has stated that the matter was beic dealt with bilaterally and the time ha not come to raise the issue at internatk nal forums.

भारतीय भूमि पर म्यांमार का दावा

550. श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :

श्री रणजीत सिंह :

क्या विदेश मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 1 अप्रैल 1992 के "दि स्टेट्समैन" में "म्यांमार टू-स रेइंडियन क्लेिजिज" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि म्यांमार सरकार ने भारतीय सीमा क्षेत्र के कतिपय क्षेत्र पर अपना दावा पेश किया है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो भारतीय सीमा क्षेत्र के किन-किन क्षेत्रों पर म्यांमार सरकार ने अपन